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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2560

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 23, 2006

An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as amended, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Program ~~for~~ *to perform* specified ~~purposes~~ *functions* relating to the establishment of *public school health centers in California, in collaboration with the State Department of Education and the University of California, San Francisco. This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to enter into an interagency agreement with the University of California, San Francisco's Institute for Health Policy Studies to establish* standardized data collection procedures and the maintenance of a database of health information on public school health centers in California, and the tracking of health issues that are unique to school-aged youth, such~~;~~ as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental

health disorders. The bill would require that the ~~department~~ *State Department of Health Services* convene and participate in a Public ~~school~~ *School Health Center Advisory Committee*, composed of specified members, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the advisory committee. *This bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Department of Health Services and the University of California, San Francisco, to coordinate efforts to support public school health centers and to provide technical assistance to public school health centers.* The bill would require program staff to prepare and submit ~~an annual a biennial~~ report to the Legislature containing specified information *regarding public school health care centers, beginning on or before January 1, 2009.* ~~The bill would also require program staff, on or before January 1, 2008, to prepare and submit to the department and the Legislature a report evaluating the benefits, obstacles, and feasibility of developing and implementing a certification system for public school health centers.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) is
2 added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:

4
5 Article 10. Public School Health Center Program

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7 124174. The department, in cooperation with the State
8 Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health
9 Center Program located in the School Health Connections
10 Office. The Public School Health Center Program shall perform,
11 in collaboration with the State Department of Education and the
12 University of California, San Francisco, the following functions:

13 (a) Provide outreach and promote enrollment of children in
14 Medi-Cal and the Healthy Families Program through school
15 health centers.

16 (b) Serve as a liaison between units within the department,
17 including, but not limited to, Medi-Cal, Maternal and Child
18 Health Branch, and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

1 (c) Serve as a liaison between other state entities, where
2 appropriate, including, but not limited to, the State Department
3 of Mental Health, the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
4 Programs, the Department of Insurance, and the California
5 Office of Homeland Security.

6 (d) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage
7 the establishment of health centers in public schools by
8 identifying available public and private sources of funding,
9 including federal Medicaid funds, funds from third-party
10 reimbursements, and other available federal grant moneys.

11 124174.1. (a) The department shall convene and participate
12 in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed
13 of the following members:

14 (1) The executive director or board president of the California
15 School Health Centers Association.

16 (2) Two representatives of school health centers.

17 (3) A representative of the department's Medical Services
18 Branch.

19 (4) A representative of the State Department of Education.

20 (5) A representative of the California School Nurses
21 Organization.

22 (6) Two youth representatives of the statewide policy
23 leadership program on school health.

24 (7) A parent or adult consumer of school health center
25 services or other community leader involved with school health
26 centers.

27 (b) A total of seven members composed of any combination of
28 the following:

29 (1) A representative of the State PTA.

30 (2) A physician.

31 (3) A representative of the California Office of Homeland
32 Security.

33 (4) A representative of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance
34 Board.

35 (5) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.

36 (6) A representative of the Department of Finance.

37 (7) A representative of the state Senate.

38 (8) A representative of the state Assembly.

39 (9) A representative of a managed care organization.

40 (10) A representative of a private foundation.

1 (11) A local health officer.

2 (12) A dental health professional.

3 (c) The advisory committee shall meet twice annually and
4 shall advise the Public School Health Center Program on school
5 health center financing, data collection, and coordination with
6 other programs, and shall provide technical assistance.

7 124174.2. (a) The department shall enter into an interagency
8 agreement with the Institute for Health Policy Studies, located at
9 the University of California, San Francisco, to establish
10 standardized data collection and maintain a database of
11 information on public school health centers in California.

12 (b) The data collected shall include:

13 (1) Contact information for each public school health center.

14 (2) The annual number served by the public school health
15 center.

16 (3) The type and volume of services provided by the public
17 school health center.

18 (4) Funding mechanisms used by the public school health
19 center.

20 (5) Information on other programs offered by the public
21 school health centers with an emphasis on preventative health
22 services which address health issues unique to school-aged youth
23 including, but not limited to, childhood obesity, asthma,
24 immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and
25 adolescent mental health disorders.

26 (c) Local educational agencies shall be encouraged, but not
27 required, to provide data to the Institute for Health Policy
28 Studies.

29 124174.3. The State Department of Education shall perform
30 both of the following functions, in collaboration with the
31 department and the University of California, San Francisco:

32 (a) Coordinate programs which support school health centers
33 within the State Department of Education and with programs
34 located in the State Department of Mental Health and the State
35 Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, where appropriate.

36 (b) Provide technical assistance to facilitate and encourage
37 the establishment of health centers in public schools by sharing
38 information among local education agencies regarding facilities
39 utilization, liability insurance, cooperative agreements with

community-based providers, and other issues pertinent to health centers in public schools.

124174.4. The Public School Health Center Program, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall act as a liaison for school-based health centers and submit to the Legislature, beginning on or before January, 1, 2009, a biennial report that includes information on all of the following:

(a) The number and geographic distribution of public school health centers.

(b) The type and volume of health and mental health services provided by public school health centers.

(c) A description of any potential benefits to expanding state support for public school health centers.

(d) A description of state funds used by public school health centers.

(e) A description of any obstacles to the financial sustainability of public school health centers, and any necessary policy changes that would address those financial obstacles.

~~SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:~~

~~Article 10. Public School Health Center Program~~

~~124174. The department, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health Center Program for the following purposes:~~

~~(a) To establish standardized data collection procedures and maintain a database of information on public school health centers in California.~~

~~(b) To track preventative health measures implemented by public school health centers in the state to address health issues that are unique to school-aged youth such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders.~~

~~124174.1. (a) The department shall convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of the following members:~~

~~(1) The executive director or board president of the California School Health Centers Association.~~

~~(2) A total of 11 members composed of any combination of the following:~~

~~(A) A representative of the department.~~

~~(B) A representative of the State Department of Education.~~

~~(C) A representative of the California Office of Homeland Security.~~

~~(D) A representative of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.~~

~~(E) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.~~

~~(F) A representative of the Department of Finance.~~

~~(G) A representative of the state Senate.~~

~~(H) A representative of the state Assembly.~~

~~(I) A representative of the Department of Insurance.~~

~~(J) A local superintendent of schools.~~

~~(K) A local health officer.~~

~~(L) A community leader.~~

~~(M) A school nurse.~~

~~(O) A pediatrician.~~

~~(P) A dental health professional.~~

~~(Q) A public school health center consumer.~~

~~(b) The advisory committee shall provide technical assistance to the department and assist in the implementation of the program.~~

~~(c) The Public School Health Center Program shall accomplish all of the following:~~

~~(1) Coordinate the program of public school-based health centers with existing managed care, mental health, public health, emergency preparedness, and public assistance health programs.~~

~~(2) Program staff shall also act as a liaison for school-based health centers and shall prepare and submit to the Legislature an annual report that includes information on all of the following:~~

~~(A) The number of school health centers.~~

~~(B) The geographic distribution of any public school health centers established.~~

~~(C) The type and volume of health services provided by public school health centers.~~

~~(D) A description of state funding for public school health centers.~~

1 ~~(E) A description of any obstacles to the financial~~
2 ~~sustainability of public school health centers, and any necessary~~
3 ~~policy changes that would address those financial obstacles.~~

4 ~~(F) Information on any public school health center activities.~~

5 ~~(3) Provide technical assistance, direction, and information to~~
6 ~~the department to facilitate and encourage the establishment of~~
7 ~~health centers in public elementary schools, middle schools, and~~
8 ~~high schools, and identify all available public and private sources~~
9 ~~of funding for those public school health centers, including~~
10 ~~federal Medicaid funds, funds from third-party reimbursements,~~
11 ~~and other available federal grant moneys.~~

12 ~~(d) On or before January 1, 2008, program staff shall prepare~~
13 ~~and submit to the department and the Legislature a report~~
14 ~~evaluating the benefits, obstacles, and feasibility of developing~~
15 ~~and implementing a certification system for public school health~~
16 ~~centers.~~